



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of Gary B. Carman et al.

Confirmation No: 4581

Application No: 09/903,685

Group Art Unit: 1744

Filed: July 13, 2001

Examiner: Sean E. Conley

For: DYNAMIC O_x BIOLOGICAL BURDEN REDUCTION

Customer Number: 32042

**REQUEST FOR SUPPLEMENTAL NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY AND
COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Applicants note with appreciation the receipt of a Notice of Allowance and Fees Due dated April 13, 2004.

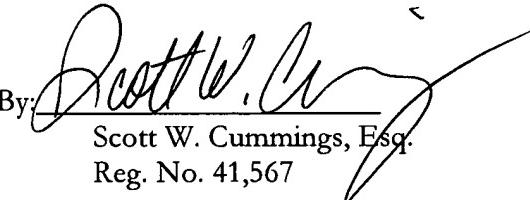
Upon review of the file, Applicants' representative noted that an Information Disclosure Statement was filed July 13, 2001. However, it does not appear that an Examiner-initialed copy of the PTO-1449 that accompanied the IDS was returned to the Applicants. Thus, attached hereto is a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement filed on July 13, 2001 including a blank PTO-1449 form. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner initial the references cited on said PTO-1449 form and return the same to Applicants.

Attached to the Notice of Allowability of April 13, 2004 was an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance. With regard to the statements contained therein, Applicants wish to affirmatively state for the record that they do not capitulate to the correctness of the characterization of the prior art references, or to the characterization of the claimed subject matter contained in the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance. Applicants seek to avoid any negative inferences which could otherwise be drawn from the aforementioned statements.

Further and favorable action in the form of a Supplemental Notice of Allowability attaching an Examiner-initialed PTO-1449 form originally filed with the Information Disclosure Statement of July 13, 2001 is respectively requested. Should the Examiner feel that any issues remain, it is respectively requested that the undersigned be contacted so that any such issues may be adequately addressed and issuance of the application expedited.

Respectfully submitted

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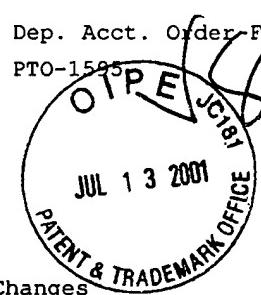
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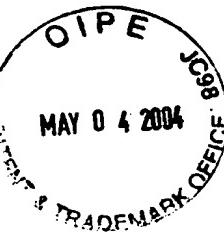
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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Applicant(s) wish(es) to disclose the following information.

REFERENCES

- Applicant(s) wish(es) to make of record the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are of record in parent U.S. patent application serial no. 09/217,581, filed December 22, 1998 (Allowed), or are attached along with Form PTO-1449.

RELATED CASES

- Attached is a list of Applicant's(s') pending applications and issued patents which may be related to the present application. Copies of the documents, where required, are attached along with Form PTO-1449.

CERTIFICATION

The undersigned certifies that

- each item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign or international patent office in a counterpart foreign or international application for the first time (to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry) not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.
- no item of information contained in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign or international patent office in a counterpart foreign or international application or, to the knowledge of the undersigned, having made reasonable inquiry, was known to any individual designated in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

BASIS FOR CONSIDERATION

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- without fee and within three months of the date of entry of the U.S. national stage.
- without fee and before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits (to the knowledge of the undersigned).
- without fee and with the appropriate certification above.
- without fee and with a new CPA application.
- without fee and with a Request for Continued Examination.
- with fee and before the mailing date of any of a Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance or an action that otherwise closes prosecution (to the knowledge of the undersigned).
- with fee, appropriate certification above, and before payment of the Issue Fee.

DEPOSIT ACCOUNT

- Please charge any additional fees for the papers being filed herewith and for which no check is enclosed herewith, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1442.

Respectfully submitted,

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	AC	3,897,210	07/29/75	Gruber, et al.			
	AD	4,517,159	05/14/85	Karlson			
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	AF	4,988,484	01/29/91	Karlson			
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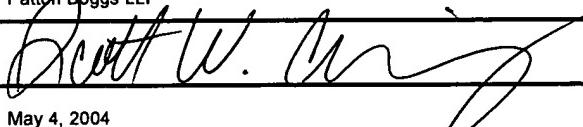
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